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1. claims: 1,2-18,29,30

Blister pack for containing an array of smoking articles

2. claims: 19,20-28,31,32

Blister pack with foldable sub-trays

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